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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (LAPO)

IN MEETING WITH MINISTER GLIGA , AMBASSADOR BOGDAN,
AND MITRAN, CORIDEN EXPLAINED THAT OFFER OF 50-50 SPLIT
OF TRANSPORTATION FOR WARSAW/BUCHAREST LEG OF LAPO TOUR
HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY EMBASSY BECAUSE INSTRUCTIONS FROM
WASHINGTON WERE NOT CLEAR. ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS THAT
COUNTRIES ON TOUR WOULD PAY TRANSPORTATION FROM ALL
PRECEDING COUNTRY. OTHER COUNTRIES ON THE ITINERARY HAD
OFFERED PARTIAL PAYMENT AND OFFER WAS REFUSED. ALL OTHER
COUNTRIES WERE VIRTUALLY TOTAL COSTS. DEPT COULD NOT
THEREFORE IN PRINCIPLE ACCEPT 50-50 SPLIT FROM ROMANIA.
UNLESS ROMANIAN SIDE COULD RAISE OFFER BY DOLS 3,000.

ARRANGEMENTS OF LAPO WOULD HAVE TO BE
CANCELLED FOR ROMANIA.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION MR. GLIGA SAID THAT THIS WAS
COMMERCIAL MATTER FOR ARIA AND NOT GOVERNMENT MATTER.
IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT ILEASA CSCE WAS INVOLVED.
GLIGA AGREED THAT HE WOULD JOIN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN IN
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SENDING A TELEGRAM ENCOURAGING REASSESSMENT ON THE

ROMANIAN SIDE. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, WANT TO LEAVE U.S.
SIDE WITH FEELING THAT THERE WAS MUCH HOPE THAT OFFER
COULD BE RAISED.
THROUGHOUT IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT US EMB BUCHAREST WOULD
BE VERY DISAPPOINTED UNLESS ORCHESTRA CAME AND HAD
LOST ARGUMENT WITH DEPT ON USG POSITION. KISSINGER

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